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LETTER DATED 25 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a statement of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Afghanistan, dated 25 October 1991.

I have further the honour to request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khodaidad BASHARMAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 25 October 1991 of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Afghanistan

The brave Afghan and the valorous sons of our free ancestors have once again been put to a great and prideful test of dedicated defence of the independence, territorial integrity, national sovereignty, honour and dignity of the sacred land of Afghanistan.

Our dear compatriots are aware that the Pakistani militarists have once again resorted to intervention and open aggression against the sacred territory of our country and have urged the war-mongering extremists to attack Gardez city, the centre of Paktia province, for the further shedding of blood of our innocent people and the destruction and annihilation of the material and spiritual wealth of our country.

Our people and the world were expecting that the ruling circles in Pakistan will abide by the public trend and the prevalent atmosphere emanating from the recent national and international developments towards a political and peaceful settlement of the Afghan conflict and will show a positive reaction.

Now, our suffering compatriots and the international public opinion are hopeful, as never before, in view of the wide-ranging international efforts, such as the five-point statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the political settlement of the Afghan issue, the joint American-Soviet statement on Afghanistan and other sincere and good will measures and initiatives by the leadership of the Republic of Afghanistan, for attaining peace and the cessation of bloodshed in Afghanistan. It is not logical that the Government of Pakistan still resorts to the heightening of intervention and provocations against our country and further protracts the pains and miseries of the Afghans.

The vast military attack on Gardez city, which is directly organized and mobilized from the territory of Pakistan with the help of military quarters of that country, is nothing but an obvious and harsh violation by Pakistan of the Geneva Agreements, the accepted norms of international law, the relevant United Nations resolutions and the recent statement of the United Nations Secretary-General and the joint United States and Soviet statement and, eventually, it runs counter to the prime will and desire of our compatriots for achieving peace in our country.

Even the good will leaders of some of the opposition organizations, among them Hazrat Mujadidi, have condemned the attack on Gardez city. The House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Afghanistan, while strongly protesting against the joint military attack by Pakistan and the Afghan extremists on Gardez city, calls on all Afghans, tribes and

nationalities of our country to defend every inch of our country's territory and repulse the attacks of the aggressors. We are fully confident that the armed forces of the country will bravely safeguard the independence, territorial integrity, honour and dignity of Afghanistan.

The House of Representatives of the National Assembly requests all the parliaments, Governments and social circles of the world, the United Nations in particular, to utilize all their possibilities for placing pressures on the Government of Pakistan and to persuade that country to stop its direct aggression and intervention in the internal affairs of the Republic of Afghanistan and to let our people find an opportunity for the peaceful settlement of their problems without foreign interference.